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The Home Folks.
Secretary Tumulty's letter to Sheriff Kinkaid does not affect the Wilson boom in the slightest degree. All it does is to reveal the thorough loyalty of the Jersey democrats to their chief, and most excellent taste on his part.

Seeing democrats in other states getting into the game early, the Jersey men are impatient to join the procession. They have nobody in mind but Mr. Wilson, and want to make formal proclamation of the fact. It is a most creditable feeling. Mr. Wilson, however, sure of his ground both as to the home folks and other folks, wants the outsiders to keep the matter in hand now that they have taken it in hand. It will be more seemly and more agreeable to him to have the indorsement of his course in the White House—taking the form of renomination—come from democrats not allied to him by the ties of statehood. He wants his neighbors to help receive with him when the democrats from north, south, east and west come forward next year bearing assurances of continued distinguished consideration. He is, and has a right to be, sure they are coming.

The case is so plain it seems quite unnecessary to argue it. Mr. Wilson is his party's only possible candidate. If, for any reason, he were to decline renomination he would throw the party into the utmost confusion, and send it to certain defeat. Nothing could save it.

And equally fatal would be the party's refusal to renominate him. That would be a confession of failure from which there could be no recovery. Dire confusion would result from that. No man—and it has some strong men—put up in Mr. Wilson's place could in the circumstances be elected. He would represent in the campaign both factionism and confessed failure; and, in the language of the late John S. Barbour of Virginia, the party would "march through a slaughter house to an open grave."

Nobody today may draw with surety the lines of next year's contest. Chaos is at present ruling the world, and it is anybody's guess what the chaos will produce. The presidency may be fought for on domestic issues, or on foreign issues, or on a combination of both. But, whatever the issues, Mr. Wilson will be the democracy's logical and inevitable representative, unless it decides to throw logic overboard with the rest and go to its doom in a mad fit of fury.

No amount of friendliness will obliterate from the mind of Germany an impression that this country ought to use abrupt methods with England or from the mind of England a conviction that Uncle Sam is altogether too mild in his dealings with Germany.

The Pacific ocean just now enjoys a great advantage over the Atlantic in the upbuilding of a safety first system of commercial transportation.

Advocates of the Darwinian theory may insist that nature has done very well without the assistance of scientific eugenics.

So far at least as the militant suffragettes are concerned, the ruffled front of grim-visaged war has been smoothed.

The Two Bryans.
Said Mr. Bryan in his speech before the peace convention at Chicago Monday:

"We must not be too hasty to criticize those in official positions, who, as I know from experience, are often misrepresented and misunderstood."

Mr. Bryan now knows how it is himself. As The Star suggested the other day, he has discovered the difference between criticizing and being criticized. As a critic he ran an uninterrupted course of sixteen years, and made it lively for all the targets at which he aimed during that long period. Republicans were always preferred, but he sometimes "took a crack" at democrats; and when he did he usually rang the bell.

Then came the time when as an official Mr. Bryan had to face firing squads himself. His experience lasted but a little over two years. But it was enough. He suffered and learned much, and now, as we see, has grown philosophical and charitable. He appeals for the pianist, who when doing his best should not be shot.

Although admirable in substance, Mr. Bryan's suggestion is hardly applicable in our everyday politics. In the storm and stress of things, with control of public affairs the object, men get warm and go far. They play the limit. In order to stir the crowd, the stumper must take the ground in substance that the other

fellow is "a liar and a horse thief," and must be beaten in the interest not only of party, but of mankind. And when the manager is mustering voters for the polls it must be upon the proposition that duty calls in stentorian tones.

Still, if Mr. Bryan can, under pressure, live up to his adjuration we should see him in the new form next year. The campaign then will lure to emphasis, and even partisan unreasonableness. Speakers and writers alike will have to be extremely vigilant in order to avoid hasty and extreme criticism. The stake will be more in the nation to control than ever before.

The Bryan with whom the country is familiar has made his way to the front by means of a vigorous vocabulary, vigorously applied. In the speech which brought him a presidential nomination he minced no words in dealing with those then in official positions, and the course they had been pursuing; and he steadily held that tone during his three campaigns for the presidency. A new Bryan—shorn of invective and full of "sweet reasonableness"—will be a study.

The Austrian Ambassador.
If, as reported, Ambassador Dumba declared to Secretary Lansing, in the interview at the State Department yesterday, that in his efforts to embarrass the munitions makers of this country who are under contract to supply war materials to the allies he was acting under instructions from Vienna, the situation becomes much more grave. Such instructions would constitute a serious international offense, and the grievance of the United States would be not against Dr. Dumba but against the Austrian government.

This whole matter depends upon the interpretation that is to be put upon the letter that was intercepted in London from Dr. Dumba to the Austrian foreign office. In that letter, according to the text just published, Dr. Dumba wrote:

"Yesterday evening Consul General von Nuber received the inclosed aide memoir from the chief editor of the locally known paper Szabadsag (New York), after a previous conference with him and in pursuance of his proposals to arrange for strikes in the Bethlehem Schwab steel and munitions war factory, and also in the middle west. It is my impression that we can disorganize and hold up for months, if not entirely prevent, the manufacture of munitions in Bethlehem and the middle west, which, in the opinion of the German military attaché, is of great importance and amply outweighs the expenditure of money involved."

This does not specifically state that Dr. Dumba has himself engaged in a strike-promoting propaganda or that any one acting under his orders has done so. It indicates that Dr. Dumba was aware of the consideration of a plan, if not its practice, to start such strikes. His use of the word "we" is, however, significant of participation. The letter was dated August 20, presumably on the eve of the sailing of his chosen messenger. That no strikes had actually been provided for is indicated by the phrase, "But even if strikes do not come off it is probable that we should exert, under the pressure of the crisis, more favorable conditions of labor for our poor, down-trodden fellow-countrymen."

In order to declare the Austrian ambassador persona non grata it is necessary that his offense against the diplomatic proprieties should be specific and well established. Knowledge of what was being undertaken by others does not necessarily constitute such an offense. But if, as the ambassador is reported to have told Secretary Lansing, he was acting in this matter under orders from Vienna the matter becomes gravely potential of an issue with Austria which may find expression in terms more severe than the dismissal from this capital of the Austrian ambassador.

It is hard to realize that in this age of newspaper readers there are still constituents who will applaud a member of Congress for holding out against the expense of an adequate navy.

Washington has never had its share of national conventions, but has had the satisfaction of knowing that it would have the opportunity of showing hospitalities to the winners.

Some of the seashore stories cause a yearning for the conservative old press agent who felt that he had earned a season's salary by imagining a sea serpent.

Admiral von Tirpitz's overworked submarine policy has also been granted a vacation.

Many a significant military secret reposes in the silence of Davy Jones' locker.

The Grade Crossing Death Toll.
At Wyandotte, Mich., a suburb of Detroit, Sunday afternoon a railroad locomotive struck an automobile at a grade crossing and killed three women and injured two men probably fatally. Near Victor, N. Y., Sunday night a locomotive struck an automobile and killed four people.

While primarily responsibility for the maintenance of death traps where roads and railway lines cross at grade without barriers or safeguards rests upon the railroad companies and the states much of the blame belongs to the road users, who take desperate chances at such points. Few of them observe the caution to "stop, look and listen." They approach these places of known danger at high speed and depend upon their momentum to carry them over ahead of any train

that may be near at hand. The noise of their machines is such that they cannot hear the sound of a train, and in some cases even the sound of a warning bell where one is in operation.

This very recklessness of road users renders it more imperative than before that the railroads be compelled to eliminate grade crossings. The dangers are greater today than ever because there are more vehicles and these vehicles are operated more speedily. There are many thousands of these death traps in the United States, and the annual toll of sacrifices of life at them mounts to an appalling figure. Forty-nine people have been killed outright since the 1st of January last, and five were fatally wounded in these accidents, and presumably died subsequently, a total of fifty-four deaths from this cause during the past eight months.

It is feared that United States business men do not display the tactful courtesy that is necessary to the establishment of business relations with South America. However, Uncle Sam learns rapidly whatever he undertakes, and a very little study will equip his commerce with the amenities as well as with the merchandise.

Having disposed of the impression that submarines insist on torpedoing liners as a matter of sport, some support may be developed for an assumption that not all the accidents are due to the secret activities of military spies.

A reference to quotations in the exchange market will show that dollar diplomacy outclasses pounds sterling diplomacy so far as cash results are concerned.

This is the time of year when the man who planted and cared for a garden must be indulged in a display of conscious superiority over the man who did not.

One beauty of the firm but friendly school of diplomacy is that both parties to a discussion may adopt it without loss of dignity on either side.

The neutrality of this country is one of the great surprises that await people who make a specialty of saying "It can't be done."

Owing to the other material for excitement the cholera scare did not get nearly its usual share of attention this summer.

The future historian of neutrality will have an interesting and agreeable task explaining how the war did not happen.

The Bernstorff smile is the latest and most important addition to the gallery of political impressions.

SHOOTING STARS.
BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Patient Resignation.
"Can't you persuade your husband to work?"
"I'spos I could," replied the weary-looking woman. "But he couldn't work to suit anybody. I might as well keep him home and find fault with him myself as turn him over to strangers."

Playing Both Ends.
"How did you like commuting?"
"First rate," answered the man who is always cheerful. "It's the only way to live. You have a great time telling city people how pleasant it was in the country and country people how comfortable it was in the city."

Another Burning Question.
Mid the reminders grim and drear That echo 'round this troubled sphere, Once more this question haunts the soul: Have you put in your winter's coal?

Different From the Rest.
"I've got to do something to attract attention," said the eminent theatrical star.

"That's right," replied the press agent. "You've got to seem different and surprise the public some way. I'll tell you what we'll do. We'll send out a story to the effect that you are not considering a fabulous offer to appear in the movies."

A man is pretty lucky when he is so easily amused that his idea of a good time is to go into the country, put on a funny hat and have his picture taken.


Unlimited Demand.
Oh, de white man come an' de white man go
A-tellin' us things dat we ought to know:
He puts dem old laws on de shelf
An' he make up new ones to suit hisself.

Dat legislature when it meets,
You kin see it a-walkin' 'round de streets
A-workin' hard foh little pay
Foh to show us sinners de light of day.

It only takes a little while
Foh a law to get clean out o' style.
Though it sut'ny does its level best,
Dat legislature never gits no rest.

The Man Behind the Gun.
From the Cleveland Leader.
The work of factories in of vital importance in war as it is in these times, but no arsenals, mills or shops ever built can make good the want of the right kind of human material for armies. There must be guns, of course, but the "man behind the gun" is still first in importance, just as he has always been.

Funny Fashion.
From the Milwaukee Journal.
As we expected, fashion greets the approach of winter with the edict that the fur neck piece is due to be supplanted by the chiffon ruff.

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